

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 14**  
**INCIDENT NO. 96-01**  
**DATE: July 17, 1996      TIME: 2:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flood-Devils Lake. (Separate situation reports are issued regarding flooding in the rest of the state, incident #96-37.)
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake was 1,437.64 feet MSL on July 17.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:  
  
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.  
  
STATE: No change from previous reports.  
  
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The American Red Cross (ARC) delivered 20 cleanup kits to the city of Kloten in Nelson County, where homeowners are experiencing basement mold problems.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On July 9, Governor Schafer requested that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), under the Advanced Measures Program of Public Law 84-99, increase lake level protection for the city of Devils Lake by an additional five feet. The city and the State will equally share the 25 percent State/Local cost of the USACE project to increase the city's lake protection to 1,450 feet MSL. The project is estimated to cost over \$7 million, 75 percent of which will be funded with USACE dollars.

Damage Survey Report (DSR) inspections have been completed in 15 counties, Dickey, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Grant, LaMoure, McLean, McIntosh, Morton, Oliver, Ransom, Sargent, Sheridan, Steele, and Wells Counties.

As of July 16, 413 DSR inspections had been shipped to the Regional Processing

Center in Denver, Colo. The DSR inspections included Emmons, Oliver, Ransom, and Sheridan Counties, and the cities of Bathgate, Carrington, Enderlin, Fort Ransom, Glenfield, Grace City, Hamilton, Kief, Lincoln, Lisbon, Marion, McHenry, New Rockford and Walhalla. Other applicants include the Grant County Fair Board and the Lincoln Park District.

As of July 11, 186 Notice of Interest Applications for public assistance had been approved as eligible applicants. Of the applicants, 10 are from State agencies, 14 from private non-profit organizations, and 162 from Local governments.

A North Dakota Emergency Management public assistance specialist and a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) federal coordinating officer conducted an aerial survey of the Devils Lake, Ramsey County, Nelson County, and Stump Lake areas.

AmeriCorps volunteers, working with the Devils Lake Sioux Tribe, have located 100 wells that have been abandoned or need abandonment procedures. The volunteers are working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Realty Office to verify land ownership.

The N.D. Department of Transportation (N.D. DOT) reported that emergency rip-rap work was completed on N.D. Highway 1, near Stump Lake.

Work to install a new bridge on Mauvais Coulee crossing and to raise N.D. Highway 19 approximately eight feet was scheduled to begin by July 22. Short-term road closures may result during construction. The N.D. DOT will publicize such closures in advance to allow motorists time to adjust travel plans.

Emergency repairs were made to Woods-Rutton Road near East Bay, where rip-rap and liner were damaged by wave action.

As a safety measure, speed limits have been reduced to 35 miles per hour on N.D. Highway 20 and N.D. Highway 57, north of Acorn Ridge through the Narrows.

The N.D. Highway Patrol has been issuing citations for pedestrian traffic on bridges and illegally-parked vehicles on Six Mile Bay and Mauvais Coulee.

The N.D. State Water Commission and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have secured a total of 13,500 acre feet for storage of Devils Lake water. The State Water Commission has secured 7,200 acre feet and has contracts pending for another 1,000 acre feet through its Available Storage Acreage Program (ASAP). The State Water Commission also has 200 acre feet for storage that had been set aside to mitigate damages to wildlife if the Stump Lake project had been implemented. Another 3,600 acre feet of water is being stored at Alice, Chain and Mike Lakes. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has secured 1,500 acre feet. Storage of water has provided about two inches of lake level relief.

The N.D. Game and Fish Department closed the Six Mile Bay boat ramp on July 10 for one week while concrete from the ramp cures. The ramp is being raised to 1,440 feet MSL.

The USACE has completed work at Stromme Road to protect two sewer lift stations. The road and lift stations are protected to 1,440 feet MSL.

In Ramsey County, the floodplain manager has identified 50 structures that have been moved or are scheduled to be moved from floodplain areas. Officials are concerned the county will lose tax dollars, and Ramsey County Rural Utility System will lose user fees.

A sanitarian has been assigned to Fort Totten by Indian Health Services to assist with flood and other concerns.

The Environmental Protection Agency has allocated \$225,000 to Indian Health Services for rip-rap work to the berms of the sewage lagoon at St. Michael. The lagoon is at 1,451 feet MSL.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The next State Flood Coordination Center meeting will be held August 8, 1:30 p.m., at the Ramsey County Courthouse, basement meeting room.

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Douglas C. Friez, State Director